

**Listing of Claims:**

1. (Previously Presented) A data editing apparatus comprising:

a storage section, including: (i) a first storage area to store audio data and image data that is linked to a predetermined playback position of the audio data, and (ii) a second storage area to store only image data and no audio data;

link release means for canceling a link between arbitrary audio data and image data linked therewith which are stored in the first storage area; and

moving means for moving the image data, from which the link is canceled, from the first storage area to the second storage area when the link is canceled by the link release means, such that the image data from which the link is canceled is no longer stored in the first storage area.

2. (Previously Presented) The apparatus according to claim 1, further comprising:

inhibiting means for inhibiting the movement of the image data, from which the link is canceled, if the same image data as the image data to be moved is already stored in the second storage area.

3. (Previously Presented) The apparatus according to claim 1, wherein when canceling the link information, the link release means rewrites header information of the audio data and rewrites header information of the image data to cancel the link between the audio data and the image data.

4. (Previously Presented) A computer-readable storage medium having a data editing program stored thereon which is executable by a computer to cause the computer to edit audio data and image data linked to a predetermined playback position of the audio data, wherein the audio data and the image data linked thereto are stored in a first storage area, the program being executable by the computer to cause the computer to execute functions comprising:

canceling a link between arbitrary audio data and corresponding image data stored in the first storage area; and moving the image data, from which the link is canceled, from the first storage area to a second storage area when the link is canceled, such that the image data from which the link is canceled is no longer stored in the first storage area; wherein only image data, and no audio data, is stored in the second storage area.

5. (Previously Presented) The data editing apparatus according to claim 1, further comprising:

audio data selecting means for selecting a target audio data to be subjected to link addition in an audio data list display area;

means for selecting image data to be linked with the selected audio data from among the image data stored in the second folder;

means for linking the selected audio data with the selected image data and copying the linked selected audio data and selected image data to the first folder; and

means for, after the copying of the linked selected audio data and selected image data to the first folder, deleting the selected image data from the second folder.

6. (New) The apparatus according to claims 1, further comprising:

display means for displaying an editing window that includes a first display area for displaying a list of audio data stored in the first storage area such that the audio data is selectable, a second display area for displaying a list of image data stored in the second storage area, and a third display area for displaying a list of image data that is linked to audio data that

has been selected from the list of audio data displayed in the  
10 first display area,

wherein the link release means cancels the link between the  
arbitrary audio data and the image data linked therewith which  
are stored in the first storage area, in response to an operation  
on the editing window.

7. (New) A computer-readable storage medium having a data  
editing program stored thereon which is executable by a computer  
to cause the computer to edit audio data and image data linked to  
a predetermined playback position of the audio data, the program  
5 being executable by the computer to cause the computer to execute  
functions comprising:

displaying on a display of the computer an editing window  
that includes: (i) a first display area for displaying a list of  
audio data that is stored in a first storage area in a memory of  
10 the computer, such that the audio data is selectable, (ii) a  
second display area for displaying a list of image data that is  
not linked to the audio data, the image data that is not linked  
to the audio data being stored in a second storage area in the  
memory that is different from the first storage area, and (iii) a  
15 third display area for displaying a list of image data that is  
linked to audio data that has been selected from the list of  
audio data displayed in the first display area, the image data

that is linked to the audio data being stored in the first storage area;

20           canceling a link between arbitrary audio data and corresponding image data stored in the first storage area, in response to an operation on the editing window; and

              moving the image data, from which the link is canceled, from the first storage area to the second storage area when the link  
25   is canceled.